

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1- 12 as follows.

1. (currently amended) A solid article ~~comprising~~ being a material selected from the group consisting essentially of a compressed mixture of granular quatrepolymer compositions, quatrepolymer compositions and a calcium hypochlorite additive, or a quatrepolymer compositions, and a hypochlorite - bromine additive for wastewater disinfection, or quatrepolymer compositions and a dechlorination agent ~~such as selected from the group comprising~~ sodium sulfite, ascorbic acid or sodium ascorbate and from about 0.5 to about 5.0 weight percent of a solid wax binder selected from the group consisting of microcrystalline hydrocarbon wax and alkali metal salts of oxidized microcrystalline hydrocarbon wax, ~~but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

2. (currently amended) The article of claim 1 wherein the principal size distribution of the group of granular quatrepolymer compositions, quatrepolymer compositions and a calcium hypochlorite additive, or a quatrepolymer compositions, and a hypochlorite — bromine additive for wastewater disinfection, or and quatrepolymer compositions and a dechlorination agent ~~such as selected from the group comprising~~ sodium sulfite, ascorbic acid or sodium ascorbate is between minus 6 and plus 100 U.S. Sieve, ~~but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

3. (currently amended) The article of claim 2 wherein the binder is present in amounts of from 0.75 to 1.75 weight percent, ~~but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

4. (currently amended) The article of claim 3 wherein the binder is the potassium salt of oxidized microcrystalline hydrocarbon wax, ~~but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

5. (currently amended) The article of claim 3 wherein the mass weight of the article is from 250 to 350 grams, ~~but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

6. (currently amended) The article of claim 5 wherein the article being compressed into the shape of the article is in the form of a tablet having a diameter of from about 3 to about 3.5 inches, ~~but this should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

7. (currently amended) The article of claim 1 wherein at least 10 weight percent of the ~~original mass of~~ compressed group of granular quatrepolymer compositions, quatrepolymer compositions and a calcium hypochlorite additive, or a quatrepolymer compositions, and a hypochlorite — bromine additive for wastewater disinfection, or quatrepolymer compositions and a dechlorination agent ~~such as~~ selected from the group comprising sodium sulfite, ascorbic acid or sodium ascorbate remains after 6 days of contact with water, ~~but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

8. (currently amended) The article of claim 1 wherein the group of granular quatrepolymer compositions, quatrepolymer compositions and a calcium hypochlorite additive, or a quatrepolymer compositions, and a hypochlorite — bromine additive for wastewater disinfection, or quatrepolymer compositions and a dechlorination agent ~~such as~~ selected from the group comprising sodium sulfite, ascorbic acid or sodium ascorbate is up to 65 weight percent polycarboxylic anionic quatrepolymer, ~~but should not be a~~

~~limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

9. (currently amended) The article of claim 2 wherein the principal size distribution of the group of granular quatrepolymer compositions, quatrepolymer compositions and a calcium hypochlorite additive, ~~or a quatrepolymer compositions, and a hypochlorite — bromine additive for wastewater disinfection, or quatrepolymer compositions and a dechlorination agent such as selected from the group comprising~~ sodium sulfite, ascorbic acid or sodium ascorbate is between minus 10 and plus 45 U.S. Sieve, ~~but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

10. (currently amended) The article of claim 9 wherein the binder is present in amounts of from 0.75 to 1.75 weight percent, ~~but this should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

11. (currently amended) The article of claim 10 wherein the density of the article is between about 1.5 and 2.3 grams per cubic centimeter, ~~but this should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

12. (currently amended) The article of claim 10 wherein the principal size distribution of the group of granular quatrepolymer compositions, quatrepolymer compositions and a calcium hypochlorite additive, ~~or a quatrepolymer compositions, and a hypochlorite — bromine additive for wastewater disinfection, or quatrepolymer compositions and a dechlorination agent such as selected from the group comprising~~ sodium sulfite, ascorbic acid or sodium ascorbate is between minus 6 and plus 60 U.S. Sieve, ~~but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention.~~

13. (new claim) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein said

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composition is in the form of a tablet, granule, powder, gel, liqui-gel or bar.